Follow These Rules When Addressing Christmas Cards

IN ADDRESSING Christmas cards, many questions are bound to arise with regard to correct form. The following tips on addressing Christmas cards will, therefore, be welcomed by all who have cards to send.

Christmas greeting cards fall into two general classes, formal and informal. If you use printed or engraved cards for formal use, the title Miss, Mr., or Mr. and Mrs. should preferably appear above the greeting. For instance: "Mr. and Mrs. Frank Russell wish you a Merry Christmas," rather than "A Merry Christmas from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Russell."

Whose name should come first, the husband's or the wife's? Generally, the husband's name comes first. On informal cards, signed in ink, it is quite proper to sign, "Bill and Shirley," or Bill and Shirley Adams, depending, of course, upon how well you know the acquaintance.

A married woman, whether her husband is alive or not, should be addressed with "Mrs." prefixed to her husband's full name. Every card sent out should bear a Mr., Mrs., or Miss prefix. Failure to use this prefix is an unpardonable breach of courtesy.

Do not address a divorcee by her maiden name, unless such name has been established by legal procedure.

John Robertson may be a business associate of yours, to whom you want to send a Christmas card, but you do not know his wife. What shall you do in a case of this kind? It is quite proper to send your card to Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson, although, on the other hand, it is equally proper to send the card in his name only. It adds a little of the personal touch to learn the home address and send the card there, although directing the card to a business address is quite proper.

Some question as to the propriety of sending out Christmas cards may enter the minds of the family in mourning. By the same token, some question may arise as to the sending of Christmas cards to them. If the bereavement is very recent—within a month—it may be better for the family to omit Christmas cards. And cards to be sent to the family should be selected with considerable care.

SAFETY FIRST—

Merry Christmas Also Famous As Year's No. 1 Danger Season

If you want a truly merry Christmas be sure that the frivolity of the season doesn't turn it into tragedy. The National Safety Council points out that the Holidays are the most dangerous part of the year, replete with auto casualties, home accidents, burns and falls. Keep these "don'ts" in mind and you'll live to see the new year:

DON'T give children dangerous toys, or toys with sharp points. If they operate with electricity, be sure you supervise their use.

DON'T decorate the tree with lighted candles unless it's absolutely unavoidable. Carefully wired electric bulbs are much safer.

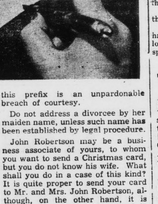
DON'T place the tree near a stove or fireplace.

DON'T leave a lighted tree unguarded at any time; you must be on the lookout for fires.

DON'T use a rickety, unsafe ladder in decorating the tree.

DON'T place Christmas candles near the tree, curtains, paper wreaths or other decorations.

DON'T overlook the opportunity to make your tree fire-resistant. According to the United States forestry service, you can do it this way: Divide the weight of your tree by four and buy that many pounds of ammonium sulphate. Dissolve it in water, one and a half pints to each pound of ammonium sulphate left on the end of your tree trunk on a diagonal, put some solution in a jar and stick the diagonal butt into the solution. Add solution as the tree drinks it up.



DON'T be excessive about Christmas "spirits."

DON'T leave toys exposed where people can trip on them.

DON'T leave your tree in the house after it becomes dried out.

DON'T allow steps and sidewalks to become icy in cold weather. During Christmas you'll probably have many guests; sprinkle salt or sand in dangerous spots.

DON'T drive carefully — unless you want to live and enjoy 1941.

Pamplin School News

The Pamplin Student Cooperative Association attended the S. C. A. meeting at Appomattox No. 2 on November 26 at 10 o'clock. Those present from Pamplin were: Kitty Carson, president; Barbara Hix, secretary; Lawson Pankey, treasurer; Annie Mae Kidd and Janie Coleman, committee chairmen and Mr. C. H. Fugate. Kitty Carson is also the secretary of the county and Lawson Pankey is vice president.

Next month the meeting will be held here.

The school is very proud of its new radio victrola combination. We have some new records. Some are borrowed and some belong to the school.

We were pleased with results of the Womanless Beauty contest, Friday night, November 29, we had a game night. The school is looking forward to the dance to be sponsored soon.

Lavalette Sears, reporter.

Tropical Christmas on the Islands in Hawaii

IT'S asking a lot to expect people born in temperate latitudes to get steamed up about Christmas in the tropics. But to children born on the islands in the middle of the Pacific, Christmas is still—Christmas, writes Armine von Tempski in Cosmopolitan.

On the outlying islands in Hawaii, Christmas is carried in on horseback, and the jingle of paniolos' spurs replaces the imagined tinkle of Santa's merry sleigh bells. On Christmas eve some inner part of me waits and listens all night for the tramp of horses' hoofs, the ringing of spurs, rich Hawaiian voices singing above resonant guitars and gay ukuleles; for cowboy serenaders, riding from ranch to ranch.

Like cadenced melee, which put an everlasting spell upon you, memories of Christmases spent on the sixty-thousand-acre cattle ranch my father managed on the slopes of Haleakala, the extinct volcano on the island of Maui, persist with untiring vividness. A fair number of persons, representing different races making up the sum total of humanity, participated in them. Americans, Hawaiians, Japanese, Chinese, Portuguese and their crossings assembled under our roof tree. Each group brought a flavor peculiarly its own to add to the Birthday of all birthdays.

Use Flashlight to Test Christmas Tree Bulbs

If you are doubtful about certain lamps in your Christmas tree string, here's an easy way to check for those that are burned out.

Remove the regular lamp from a five-cell flashlight. Then screw in the lights one at a time. While they will not burn brightly with such low current, they will glow if still good. Burned-out lamps will not glow at all.

Sugar and Water Stops Fall Of Christmas Tree Needles

It's easy to stop the fall of Christmas tree needles. Saw off a portion of the tree's base—enough so the fresh wood will be exposed. Set a narrow pan of water beneath the base of the tree, in which the base should be immersed. A teaspoonful of sugar should be added to the water. The water provides needed moisture and the sugar nourishes the needles, giving them strength to hold on longer.

French Village Portrays Story of Christ's Birth

Les Baux in France, a village of shepherds, puts on one of the most dramatic Christmas celebrations in the world, and has done it yearly for over a thousand years. The peasants act out the whole Bethlehem story, Joseph and Mary drive into the "City of David" with real oxen. Thousands of visitors come every Christmas eve to see the event.

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See the special Christmas ads in this issue. They are guides to better shopping. Don't miss any of them.

A Burglar for Christmas

By Roland Flagel

IT WAS midnight on Christmas Eve. Seven-year-old Jack, having baffled the sandman since eight o'clock, tossed back the covers and crept downstairs.

Now, at long last, he would learn the truth about Santa Claus. Man or myth? Chimney sweeper or a lovable old red-nosed gentleman?

When the clock struck one Jack was still sitting patiently in the chair by the fireplace, watching the embers glow and wane. Tinsel on the nearby Christmas tree glistened. It was all very exciting, but where was Kris Kringle?

The noise Jack heard a moment later might have been Santa but it didn't come from the chimney.

Quickly the boy jumped back in the shadows while he heard the dining room window raise slowly. A gush of cold air, heavy footsteps, and then Jack heard the window close.

Frightened, he crept forward until he could see where blue moonlight filtered into the dining room. There Jack saw—not Santa Claus but a masked burglar, systematically looting the silverware!

Seconds later his softly slippered feet carried the lad upstairs into his parents' bedroom. The boy shook his father.

"Dad!" he whispered loudly, eyes blazing. "Dad! Wake up!"

"Grrummph," came the sleepy answer.

"A burglar, Dad! Wake up! Call the police!"

Not waiting, Jack reached for the bedside telephone himself. His mother still slumbered.

"Operator?" he asked. "Send the police over to our house right away! There's a burglar downstairs!"

By that time it was out of Jack's hands. His parents were wide awake now, clinging to their hero son and listening. During the next two minutes they heard a stark drama—downstairs the dining room window opened and closed. In the distance, growing ever nearer, was the hum of a motor which they knew would be the police car.

They heard it stop outside. Then came a shout, "Stop thief!" A brief scuffle, and they knew the burglar was captured.

Next morning Jack was awakened by his father.

"Son," he began, eyes twinkling, "I forgot to ask last night how you happened to hear that burglar."

Jack blushed.

"I was downstairs, Dad, waiting for Santa Claus. Wanted to see if he really does come on Christmas eve."

His father laughed heartily.

"But Jack!" he protested. "Don't you know that Santa Claus never comes when little boys and girls are watching? I'll bet he's been here by this time, though. Let's go see!

Downstairs Jack's surprise was divided between two equally fascinating subjects. Around the Christmas tree were more presents than he'd ever seen before, including a brand new bicycle!

But off to one side was a jolly looking, blue-uniformed policeman.

"Sonny," the copper began, "That burglar you captured last night was 'Lightning Pete,' a most notorious house breaker."

Jack's jaw dropped.

"Best of all," the policeman continued, "there's a $500 reward for his capture, and it all belongs to you. Here's the check."

Jack could barely say "Thank you," so amazed was he.

"I guess," he finally mumbled, "that Santa Claus is wearing a blue uniform this year."

(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Shepherd Village Plays Bethlehem

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Christmas in Sweden

Sweden celebrates her Christmas December 24 with fish and rice porridge.

Personals From Chap

Chap, Dec. 2. Rev. C. A. Collins preached a splendid sermon Sunday morning at Central church.

The Central B.Y.P.U. met in the home of Walter Jordan on November 21.

We are very glad to hear that Hilda Jones is much improved after being ill for several days.

Aswell Powell has accepted a position in Newark, N.J.

Clarence Hester and family and Leon Powell and family visited Mrs. Annie Powell recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Myers have moved into our community.

Relatives of Mrs. John Love from South Carolina visited her last week.

Mrs. W. M. Mann spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Luke Erne, in Lynchburg.

Lottie Meeks and Mr. Booth, of Lynchburg were supper guests of Mrs. W. M. Mann on Thursday night recently.

Recent visitors in the home of Mrs. S. B. Fore were Sergeant Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Pugh, and daughter Audrey; Mrs. Paul Inge, and Howard Paulette.

Dinner guests of Mrs. H. H. Harvey Sunday were Rev. Collins, and wife Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Harvey and daughter, Joan and Miss Audrey Pugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitt, Woodall, Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Marsh, Randolph Marsh were recent visitors in the home of Mrs. Pugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Pugh visited Mrs. M. E. Pugh recently.

Miss Audrey Hendrick was buried at the family burial ground near Spring Mill Sunday afternoon.

Rocks News

Rocks, Dec. 4. Farmers are busy butchering hogs now as the weather is fine for it.

Jim Frank Ranson and Richard Inge were ordained as deacons at Rocks church Sunday night. A large crowd attended the service.

Randolph Marsh, of Norfolk, visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh recently.

Mrs. Harry Ranson and daughter Louise, and Miss Annie C. Martin visited Mrs. Robert Roach last Monday.

Mrs. Blass Ranson and Mrs. Percy Carter attended the home makers' meeting at Appomattox on last Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Jessalyn Davis, of Lynchburg spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ranson visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Ranson, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ranson and son, William Carroll visited Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Evans, of Appomattox Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Garlinghouse recently.

In spite of the winter weather last Thursday, a large number of the W. M. S. members met at the home of Mrs. J. A. for the quilting and [illegible] class. The book taught Living Glad Tidings."

The home makers [illegible] Monday with Miss [illegible] with a splendid attendance.

Percy Carter killed a hog last week.

Mrs. Percy Carter visited Martha Jane Williams at Saturday afternoon.

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Spout Spring Happenings

ring, Dec. 4. Mrs. Annie Lynchburg is visiting Mrs. C. B. Morton.

Mrs. Sam Brooks, of visited in the home of last Saturday.

Davis's Division of he service of Salem church Wednesday afternoon in Mrs. H. B. Martin.

Mrs. W. E. Dickerson and Mrs. W. E. Dickof Chatham on Sunday

Mrs. A. C. Almond and Saturday in Petersburg.

Mrs. Joe Howerton, of ited relatives here last

demonstration club Monday night, December home of Mrs. J. C.

Garrett, who has been proving.

Evelyn Dickerson, of Alunt the week end at her

Spring 4H Club will Friday night, December 13, at and Mrs. Clyde Lindsay.

H. Shivey spent sevlast week with relatives

x is a growing town.

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Oakville Personal And Social Items

Oakville, Dec. 4. The W.M.U. of Red Oak Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. C. D. Lewis last Wednesday, and had a mission study class.

Jean Harding spent the week end in the home of H. I. Moore.

Edward Moore spent the week end in the home of J. R. Doss.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Moore and daughter called to see grandmother Sue Moore Sunday P.M.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Walton spent Sunday in the home of Zan Walton.

Mrs. Grayden Martin, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Moore, Warren, Clayton and Vera Martin spent Sunday afternoon in the home of Lewis Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lucado, of Appomattox spent the week end in the home of R. H. Lucado.

Bob Gardner, of Roanoke, is spending a few days in the home of T. J. Gardner this week.

A large crowd attended the movie of "Ten Nights In A Barroom" at Maple Grove church Sunday night.

Miss Thelma Webb spent the past week end in he home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Morris near Hurvaille.

Edd Blanks, who spent last week with his sister, Mrs. R. E. Smith, has returned to Lynchburg.

Misses Thelma Webb and Vivian Clarke spent Monday night in the home of Mrs. A. W. Martin.

Misses Edythe Martin and Thelma Webb were dinner guests of Mrs. A. M. Johnston last Wednesday.

Miss Lelia Byers, of Lynchburg spent the week end in the home of R. E. Smith.

Barbara Smith and Ellen Martin represented the Oakville Junior and Senior 4H Clubs at the 4H Club County Council at Appomattox last Saturday. The Oakville clubs were presented a 4H Pledge Banner for outstanding achievement in club work for the year 1940. Miss Clarke was presented a 4H pencil for her outstanding work as local leader.

Announcement has been received of the birth of Charles Kenneth Moore, son of Kenneth Moore, of West Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Martin and son were dinner guests of Lydon Harvey Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pagent, Laura and Bobby Pagent, of Snapdragon spent Sunday P.M. in the home of Walter Moore.

Germans claim severe damage to important por of Southampton.

Vera News Items

Vera, Dec. 4. Mrs. Maude Abbitt and Miss Evelyn Chernault spent Sunday with Mrs. T. P. Robertson.

Florence Robertson spent Sunday night with Evelyn Chernault.

Miss Ola Carter spent the week end in Lynchburg with her grand mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Garrette Jr. and baby were guests of Mrs. T. P. Robertson recently.

D. N. Robertson, T. P. Robertson and Miss Annie Robertson motored to Lynchburg Sunday to see Mrs. Walker Carnefix, who is in the hospital.

Friends are sorry to hear of Mrs. Carnefix's being sick, and wish her a speedy recovery.

Walker Robertson, of Washington, D.C. spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T.H. Robertson.

Ernest Carter, of Washington, spent the week end with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Coleman spent Sunday with Mrs. Leslie Turnes, of Prospect

Miss Daisy Robertson has returned to Lynchburg after spending a few days with her parents.

Buck Coleman, of Richmond has been visiting relatives and his father here.

Tyler F. Colman spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. J. J. Chernault.

Miss Ellen Wilson spent the past week end with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Garrette visited Mrs. Annie Garrette Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Garrette spent Sunday with Mrs. T. P. Robertson.

Mrs Addie Jenkins spent a few days with her brother, Mr. Cawthorn of Appomattox, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harris, of Chestnut Grove spent last Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Chernault.

Miss Roberta Robertson is sick. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Do your Christmas shopping in Appomattox.

4-H Council Meeting For County

The 4H County Council met on Saturday afternoon, November 23, in the office of Miss Ella Smith. The meeting was called to order by the president, Roy Moon. Roll call and minutes were read by the secretary, Miss Elsie Martin.

Officers for the year 1941 were elected as follows:

President, Roy Moon.

First vice president, Garland Garrett.

Second vice president, Ben Wheeler.

Secretary and treasurer, Miss Elsie Martin.

Reporter, Margaret Moon.

The Council reviewed the goals for the year 1940, to check work done during the year. Plans for the new year's work were outlined by Miss Ella Smith, home demonstration agent, and by W. E. Skeleton, assistant county agent.

The 4H Clubs of the county will conduct a campaign on Home Improvement, and named a committee consisting of Mrs. Clyde Lindsay, chairman, W. E. Skeleton and Ben Wheeler to make definite plans for the campaign.

Miss Ella Smith presented the Oakville club a banner for 100 per cent completion of record books, and Miss Vivian Clarke was presented a 4H pencil for her work as sponsor of the 4H Club County Council. The meeting adjourned to meet again in January.

—Margaret Moon, reporter.

All Stage football selected with Will ams and Mary and Richmond given seven of eleven places.

John Marshall high school went through football season unscored on and undefeated to win ring.

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Millinery Digging Into Cause for Hatless Trend

Do you always wear a hat on the street?

If you don't, you're part of the hatless trend, and the cause of sleepless nights for milliners. This trend has cut into millinery sales. In the New York area, where 70 per cent of the women's hats are manufactured, milliners say 250,000 fewer hats were sold from January through April than in the same period last year.

They're taking steps. The Millinery Stabilization committee, to which most of them belong, has set up a bureau to find the cause of the hatless trend and to combat it.

Why don't you wear a hat when you should, they'd like to know? Is it because a hat would spoil your front curls? Because hats are uncomfortable? Does the back elastic bind? The thing won't stay on in the wind? Or are most hats too hard to wear? Unbecoming? Too full of flowers? Too silly?

The milliners are doing something about every one of these queries. Also they've enlisted the support of movie producers and college boys. They say the movie people promise to make film stars wear hats more often. College boys are writing pro-hat editorials in campus newspapers, saying, "Men don't like hatless women. We are starting a girl's cott against girls who boycott hats."

Nobody knows how the hatless trend started. But the college girl is a prime offender. When she does wear a hat, she chooses inexpensive little stuck-on-the-back-of-the-head numbers, calots or beanies, or, for dressup, Juliet caps.

Law of Averages Tells Odds of Inheriting Wealth

What are your chances of inheriting a fortune? Or finding a pearl in an oyster? Of making a hole in one? Or of having triplets?

Regardless of who you are, where you live, or how humdrum your life may seem, your name Fortune may be all set right now to spring a surprise on you.

If you are 25, single and employed, the chances are 95 out of 100 you will marry before you are 35. It is 51 to 50 chance that you will have a boy rather than a girl; one chance in 87 of getting twins and one chance in 7,569 of getting triplets.

If you are a golfer, there is one chance in 7,267 that you will make a hole in one; if you are a bridge player, you may pick up a hand of 13 cards all in one suit—the chances are one in 635,013,559,600 times. You have one chance in 336,000 of rolling a perfect bowling score. One person in every 1,762 inherits a fortune, so don't be too sure it won't be you.

If all this sounds pretty fanciful to you, it's not any more so than the multiplication table. The law of probabilities is basically very simple. The one thing wrong about it is that nobody—no scientist, or mathematician, or fortune teller can tell us where or when the probable events will actually occur.

Price of Advancement

Since unemployment is often the price which society pays for technological advancement, society should meet the cost of caring for victims of technology, asserts Dr. Isador Lubin, U. S. commissioner of labor statistics. He points out that industry pays compensation to workers disabled by industrial injuries. But "no provision is made for the skilled worker . . . who suddenly finds himself 'disabled' because a new machine has made it impossible for him to earn full wages at his former employment." The cost should not be put on the individual employer, Lubin said, because "he too may be the victim of changes in technology." He points out that some employers have assumed partial responsibility for such job losses through payment of dismissal wages.

One Building Saved

In the War of 1812 the British burned all public buildings in Washington but one. When the British burned the Capitol, the White House and other public buildings in Washington, they did a systematic job of it, sending squads of soldiers to each building with orders to burn it. However, when a detail of troops under an officer marched up to the structure housing the patent office with its thousands of nondescript models, Dr. William Thornton, the first commissioner of patents, appealed to the officer in charge to spare the building lest the British go down in history as the world's worst barbarians. Impressed by Dr. Thornton's appeal, the officer marched his detail off without firing the patent office.

Girls Bareheaded Until Married

In Hungary, girls go bareheaded until they are married, and from that day on, they are never again seen with uncovered heads, according to Averil Mackenzie-Grieve, in the Hungarian Quarterly, published by the Columbia University Press.

There is a strange popular belief in that country, which attributes a secret power to a woman's hair to cast an evil spell on herself and on her surroundings. Headgear is the most important indication of a woman's status, with women in one Hungarian district wearing eight different hoods from the day of their wedding, onwards, each with its particular significance.

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